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Financial Statement Of County Clerk

RATON, NEW MEXICO, December 31st, 1906.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Colfax County, New Mexico, Raton, New Mexico.

Gentlemen:

In compliance with your orders I have the honor to submit herewith the following Financial Report showing receipts and disbursements of the County of Colfax for the year ending December 31st, 1906:

GENERAL COUNTY FUND.

Balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$ 6,500 80
Cash received during the year	23,063 80
Disbursements made during the year	\$24,743 69
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	4,820 91

\$29,564 60 \$29,564 60

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$ 2,583 43
Cash received during the year	6,305 80
County orders issued	\$5,531 46
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	3,357 77

\$8,889 23 \$8,889 23

SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$ 915 61
Cash received during the year	5,637 50
County orders issued	4,602 00
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	1,951 11

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FEEDING PRISONERS FUND.

Cash received during the year	\$1,348 14
County orders issued	921 00
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	427 14

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SURVEY FUND.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$38 72
Transferred to General County Fund	

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WILD ANIMAL BOUNTY FUND.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$1,042 29
Cash received during the year	2,515 42
County orders issued Payment Bounty Claims	2,713 00
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	844 71

\$3,557 71 \$3,557 71

COUNTY INDEX FUND.

Balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$16 42
Transferred to General County Fund	

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COURT HOUSE REPAIR FUND.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$1,250 63
Cash received during the year	3,691 52
County orders issued in payment of New Jail Addition and Repairs Court House and Jail	\$4,011 28
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	930 87

\$4,942 15 \$4,942 15

TERRITORIAL

TERRITORIAL TREASURER.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$8,444 06
Territory's proportion taxes collected during the year by County Treasurer	40,134 93
Paid to Territorial Treasurer during year	\$39,320 67
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	9,258 32

\$48,578 99 \$48,578 99

DISTRICT COURT FUND.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$2,097 13
Cash received during the year	10,629 15
District Court Clerk's orders paid	\$9,036 72
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	4,689 56

\$13,626 28 \$13,626 28

CITY OF RATON

CITY TAX.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$1,330 16
City's proportion of taxes collected	7,975 44
Paid City Treasurer during year	\$7,554 67
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	4,750 93

\$9,305 60 \$9,305 60

CITY SEWER TAX FUND.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$ 115 30
City Sewer Tax collected by County Treasurer	4,743 29
Paid City Treasurer during year	\$1,820 07
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	38 52

\$1,858 59 \$1,858 59

WILLIAM C. WRIGLEY.

City Collector Sewer Tax.

Commissions earned on delinquent Sewer Tax	\$200 53
Commissions paid during year	\$195 95
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	4 58

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Public Schools

GENERAL COUNTY SCHOOL FUND.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$5,751 88
Cash received during the year	12,667 36
Transferred to School Districts by apportionments made during year by Co. School Superintendent	\$13,294 45
County School Supt.'s orders paid, salary, etc.	2,995 70
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	3,029 03

\$18,419 24 \$18,419 24

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Cash balance on hand January 1st, 1906	\$7,829 17
Taxes and Licenses collected during year	20,349 47
Transferred from General School Fund by apportionments during year	13,294 45
District School Directors' orders paid	\$33,886 53
Transfer of funds	92 16
Cash balance on hand December 31st, 1906	13,494 40

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A NEW SAWMILL FOR DEAN CANON.

William Fulton has moved his sawmill outfit into Dean Canon and will immediately begin to get out timber. The engine and the last portion of the machinery were taken up last week. The outfit will employ a number of men, and will supply a quantity of native lumber, which is the best in the world.

CAR OFF THE TRACK.

A car of hay went off the track Thursday at Chimneys, and required the wrecking crew for some time, before the track was repaired and the car righted.

HOW LAND HUNGER CONQUERED NEW MEXICO

Will C. Barnes, secretary of the New Mexico Cattle Sanitary board, cattle grower and business man, has a story which appears in the anniversary number of the St. Louis Daily National Live Stock Reporter under the title, "The Man With the Hoe." We give it in full below:

The "Sun of a Gun with the Hoe" long ago raided the stock ranges of the northwest and has practically eliminated the open range proposition in the states along the Canadian border.

Texas in the last few years, has likewise seen a great change take place within her borders, the huge pastures cut up into farms, the great billowy prairies where once ranged millions of buffalo and later almost as many sheep and cattle have been ruthlessly turned into cotton and cane fields, and finally they tackled the great "Llano Estacado," or staked plains of our boyhood days, those vast reaches of grass lands, the waterless and treeless part of the great American desert, and it has been conquered, and now today where once men starved for water are cities and farms. Railroads cross and recross in every direction and the land that was thought only fit for stock grazing purposes is found to be as good as the famous prairies of Illinois.

Land that ten years ago was considered dear at a dollar an acre can't be touched today for \$15 or \$20, and the end is seemingly not yet.

Prospered in Arizona and New Mexico.

But we who live in New Mexico and Arizona, made but light of the approach of the army of land seekers. Texas might be all right, but when they struck New Mexico, why they'd find it was quite a different story. Hand't we lived here always? Didn't we know what we could and couldn't do when it came to farming on New Mexico's prairies and deserts? But nothing daunted, the land hungry tide of immigration reached the New Mexico line, and to them the land just over the line was no whit different from that to the east of it. The tide swept over and worked its way across the border counties. "Fools," we said, "they will starve out in a year." That was five years ago and they haven't starved out yet. Quite

BUILDING WILL BE BUILT FOR PUBLIC HALL.

A good two story building will be built in the near future at the corner of 10th and Lincoln, which will be an improvement to that portion of the town.

The building will be erected by John Livingston, and the lower floor will be used for a first-class cafe and bar. The second floor will be finished for an amusement hall, and for a lodge room, and the stairway will go up from the street, on the outside of the building.

The dimensions of the new building will be 30x70 feet, which will make a very nice sized hall room on the second floor for public purposes. A good dancing floor will be laid, and a small stage with complete fittings will be installed. The building will be commenced as soon as material can be secured.

BIG OAT CROP AT THE URACCA RANCH.

J. M. Caldwell threshed the Uracca Ranch oats on Thursday and Friday. The yield at the ranch for this season has been pronounced one of the best in the country. The variety is the White Russian, and the yield was about two thousand bushels for forty acres. Mr. Caldwell covers a large territory with his machine every year, and the long fall season is very advantageous for the work. Very few climates afford ideal threshing weather in January, and yet the last few weeks of work for the outfit have been as pleasant as any period of the year.

to the contrary; they have prospered and gone ahead most tremendously fast.

At Portales, New Mexico, just a few miles over the northwestern Texas line five years ago a party of us were there looking for cattle. Portales then had two frame buildings, two or three tents and a railroad station. It was 300 to 400 feet down to water and as far as the eye could reach in every direction was one vast open unbroken prairie—the primeval stock range. Today the town has two weekly papers, two national banks, plenty of substantial buildings, both private and business, while every acre of land about it for miles is under cultivation and crops equal to any are raised there year after year.

At that time in Portales we met a man hauling water in a wagon. He was the type of the vanguard of the settlers and was drowsing along the road with four water barrels in his wagon. We asked him how far he had to haul his water. "Bout four miles I reckon," was his reply.

"Why don't you dig a well on your claim?" we inquired.

"Wal, podner," he said, the emigrant sucking vigorously at a dirty corn cob pipe. "It's just a matter of distance, for I calkerlate 'tis about as far to do as 'tis to haul. Just about as far one way as tother."

Valuable Land in Pecos Valley.

Ten years ago a thin wave of settlers swept over the Pecos valley in the southeastern corner of the territory. They found one great broad open cattle and sheep range. They found also that you could punch a pipe down almost anywhere and get a flowing well that would spout 10 or 12 feet high from a 10-inch pipe. They found that these sheep and cattle ranges would raise almost anything you put in the ground. The thin wave grew to a mighty flood, and today land in the Pecos valley is held from \$100 an acre up. As they took up the land in these border counties the new comers swept on into the interior. The opening of the Rock Island across the territory brought thousands of homeseekers into its territory. Everywhere they went the old-timers laughed and prophesied

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FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR HOTEL BUILDING AT ONCE.

Ira Duckworth and William Marling, well-known Raton men, were in town Friday and Saturday, and while here purchased a lot and let the contract for a five-thousand dollar hotel and cafe building, which will be erected at once, near the Rocky Mountain depot.

The building will be built twenty-five by seventy-five feet, two stories high, for the present, and additions will be built as soon as needed. A number of first-class rooms will be furnished in the building, and the ground floor will be devoted to a cafe, barber shop, bath rooms, bar, etc. The entire building will be fitted with modern conveniences.

The Cimarron Improvement company have the contract for the erection of the building, which will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Legislation to Protect Irrigators

An attorney who has had occasion in years past to make a complete study of the matter states that the irrigation laws of New Mexico afford no protection whatever to the user of flood waters and the law does not seem to contemplate the fact that such waters are ever used, but regards them as a nuisance. The time has come when provision should be made in the territorial statutes affording the users of flood waters proper protection. It is preposterous to think that no use is to be made of the vast quantities of water that come from the thousands of canyons in New Mexico periodically during the year and that the man or companies

who put in expensive works looking to their economic use shall not be protected in his investment, and further that priority of use should not govern the same as in natural waters. Here is a chance for some legislator to distinguish himself in the coming legislature. A proper and just bill governing the subject should be passed. The community affords several illustrations of cases where ranchmen have put in valuable drain ditches across the public domain to divert flood waters to their own use and have been completely frustrated later by trespassers who cut off such waters and he has no recourse at law. His work and money is lost.—Alama.

Territorial Supreme Court in Session

The supreme court of New Mexico convened for the January term in its chambers in the capitol building at Santa Fe at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, with Chief Justice William J. Mills presiding, and Associate Justices John R. McFie, Frank W. Parker, William H. Pope and Edward A. Mann in attendance. Associate Justice Ira A. Abbott took his seat on the bench on Thursday, having been detained by business in the district court over which he presides. Among the new cases scheduled for hearing at this term are the following:

No. 1152—The Sterns Rogers

Manufacturing company et al., appellees, vs. The Aztec Gold Mining and Milling company, appellant. Appeal from district court of Colfax county.

No. 1161—John Jenkins, plaintiff in error, vs. The Maxwell Land Grant company, defendant in error. Error to the district court of Colfax county.

No. 1182—Browne & Manzanares company appellees, vs. Cassius C. Guise, appellant. Appeal from the district court of San Miguel.

No. 1183—Territory of New Mexico, appellee, vs. L. A. Meredith, appellant. Appeal from the district court of Union county.

First National Bank's Annual

This strong institution held its annual meeting of stockholders on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the office of the bank. Directors for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Henry Goke, John Jelfs, W. E. Degner, A. G. Dawson, J. Van Houten, J. K. Hunt, C. N. Blackwell.

Mr. Blackwell, cashier of the bank, then read reports covering the work of the past six months; these reports were accompanied by schedules and statements in detail showing that each branch of the work had earned a profit, as well as showing deposits of over \$800,000, and total resources of over \$1,000,000, a substantial growth and increase as compared with former years.

After some comment by the stockholders present, regarding the business, a vote was extended to the officers and employees of the bank commending their efficient work and management of its affairs. Henry Goke was made president, John Jelfs, vice president; C. N. Blackwell, cashier.

After further discussion, in a general way, upon the growth of the bank and its prospects for the coming year the stockholders meeting adjourned.

EASTERN PEOPLE ARE IGNORANT OF RESOURCES OF NEW MEXICO

J. F. Spencer, of Boston, Mass., manager of Wrenn & Co., dealers in mining stocks, has been in the city for some time and leaves Monday night for Boston. Wrenn & Co. are among the more prominent brokers having offices in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. Mr. Spencer was forced to come west for his health and for the past eight months has been in Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. He has had ten years' experience in handling mining stocks. "The only trouble with New Mexico," said he, "is that she is not properly advertised among eastern capitalists. I believe the territory's mineral wealth is incalculable and has only been scratched. But in Boston possible investors are in profound ignorance of conditions in this terri-

tory. They have not even any adequate idea of the size of the country. All you hear is Arizona, and nine out of ten capitalists know practically nothing about New Mexico. "I was never so surprised in my life," said Mr. Spencer, "as I was on reaching New Mexico, getting around to the mining camps and seeing for myself what there is in the country. The extent of the coal, gold, copper and other deposits in the territory is amazing. All you need is capital, capital, capital. And I believe the time is coming when it will flow into New Mexico as readily as into Arizona. All that is necessary is to tell the eastern people about it. The average Bostonian knows less about New Mexico than he does about Kamchatka."—Albuquerque Journal.